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This past weekend, I was delighted to travel home and visit with my fellow Arkansans. Meeting with constituents is the best part of my job, and the information and suggestions that you pass along are invaluable as I represent our state in Washington.

My weekend started on Friday with a visit to Daisy Bates Elementary School in Little Rock. There, I visited with students and staff about the importance of Arkansas's after-school programs. Nearly 60,000 children across the state take advantage of after-school programs, which play a critical role in the lives of our families and communities. That's whyave sponsored legislation that would help establish and improve rural after-school programs in Arkansas and other rural areas.

Also on Friday, <u>I joined Arkansas representatives of The Military Coalition</u> to highlight priorities for Arkansas's service members, veterans, and their families. Throughout my career in public service, I have worked to ensure that they and their families receive the benefits and services they have earned and deserve. I was honored to receive the Military Coalition's 2009 Award of Merit, the highest award given to one U.S. Senator per year who has championed the causes of compensation and benefits improvement for military families.

On Sunday, I met with members of the Arkansas Cosmetology and Barber's Association during their 70th anniversary celebration, and Monday I delivered the keynote address at the Arkansas State Chamber/AIA 81st Annual Meeting. Strengthening our state's economy and growing good-paying jobs are my top priorities, and I enjoyed meeting with these groups and learning more about the issues and concerns on the minds of their members.

I look forward to returning home this weekend for the inauguration of Lyon College's new president, Dr. Donald Weatherman. As always, please feel free to<u>contact me</u> via my website or by phone. I look forward to hearing from you.

With Arkansas Pride,

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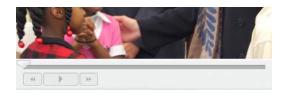
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